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1 comment.

2 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Have you given us your name and  
3 address so we can mail you a document?

4 MR. ROBERT DeNECOCHEN: My name Robert DeNecochen.  
5 I was raised here in Calexico. My comment is most of the  
6 community -- you mentioned, like, e-mail communications.  
7 This a very poor community. A lot of people don't have  
8 e-mails.

9 And more importantly, I mean, I don't mean to be  
10 cynical, but this is all politics. You know, who makes the  
11 contributions. We all know Diane Feinstein wrote the  
12 letter. We all know who gives money to Diane Feinstein. We  
13 all know who is behind the plant in Mexico.

14 And, unfortunately, the residents here, we don't  
15 have much political power. We can't give big checks to  
16 politicians. And we're kind of, no pun intended, in the  
17 dark about a lot of these issues.

18 And I think it behoove the Department of Energy to  
19 spend more time doing more press releases of information  
20 here in the valley as part of the community service to what  
21 is going on with the environment, what is going with energy  
22 and so forth. You guys have to make a more concerted effort  
23 public relations-wise in the valley to keep the residents,  
24 both bilingual, English and Spanish, because we are  
25 primarily a large Spanish-speaking community on both sides

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1 of the border, to keep us abreast of issues and not just  
2 think of the Department of Energy as some bureaucracy tucked  
3 away in D.C. listening to Enrons and their ilk of the world  
4 for advise on what to do with policy. We're just low-income  
5 residents here and we don't have access to these  
6 uni-politicians. So look out for the little guy once in a  
7 while.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Norma Aguilar.

10 MS. NORMA AGUILAR: Norma Aguilar, N-O-R-M-A,  
11 A-G-U-L-I-A-R.

12 First of all, thank you, I am glad I was able to  
13 attend this meeting. First of all, like you mentioned  
14 earlier, it was posted in the news that it was at 9:00. And  
15 just by coincidence I came to pay my water bill and I found  
16 out that it's going to happen tonight. So I am hear.

17 I followed the issue through the newspaper and I  
18 agree that there needs to be more outreach to the community,  
19 because ultimately we are the ones that are being affected.  
20 We live here.

21 I invite you, or any of your representatives, to  
22 go down Second Street and go where our old Vaughn Market  
23 parking lot is and smell the ammonia that comes through from  
24 the New River. I invite you to go to the east side of our  
25 community where the river runs by residences and smell. The

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1 smell is there, too. Again, I just remind you that we live  
2 here and it impacts us. CAL12-2  
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3 Thank you.

4 MR. ANTHONY COMO: Thank you.

5 We've still got another 15 minutes in the room, if  
6 anyone else would like to offer any comments.

7 Let's just take a five-minute rest. It will give  
8 our court reporter a chance to rest her fingers. I think I  
9 might turn the thermostat up. I don't know about you all,  
10 but I'm freezing over here. And if in the next few minutes  
11 anybody else changes their minds, we will reopen the record,  
12 at least, to close it, but we will allow you another  
13 opportunity. Take a five-minute break.

14 (Whereupon a recess was taken from 7:45 p.m. to  
15 7:57 p.m.)

16 MR. ANTHONY COMO: We are going to close the  
17 record now. I want to thank all of you for coming out and  
18 making your comments.

19 One reminder, our colleague from the Bureau of  
20 Land Management has six copies of the Draft Environmental  
21 Impact Statement if any of you are looking for a copy. We  
22 can get one for you right now.

23 Thank you for coming out and have a good evening.

24 (Whereupon the Public Scoping Meeting was  
25 concluded at 8:00 p.m.)

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1 STATE OF ARIZONA )  
2 COUNTY OF PIMA )

3 I, SANDALEE MORING, Certified Court Reporter in  
4 the County of Pima, State of Arizona, certify:

5 That the foregoing Public Scoping Meeting was  
6 taken before me at the time and place therein set forth;

7 That the statements of the speakers were recorded  
8 stenographically by me and were thereafter transcribed to  
9 the best of my ability;

10 That the foregoing 61 pages comprise a full, true  
11 and accurate transcription of my notes of said Public  
12 Scoping Meeting;

13 That I am not of counsel nor attorney for or  
14 related to either or any of the parties in this action, nor  
15 interested in the outcome thereof.

16 DATED this 12th day of August, 2004.

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Sandalee Moring, CCR  
Certified Court Reporter No. 50295

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